

## RAISING THE WIND

## ALL KINDS OF SPIES GETTING IN THEIR WORK IN TOWN.

They are as thick as flies in summer and fully as anxious to bleed their victims. Nearly all of them are supposed to be bogus but that does not make much difference—they are working the joints and bootleggers to a finish but they cannot reach the clubs—a crusade of hoodlums inaugurated.

The spy and the hoodler are abroad in the land contesting and contending with the jointist and the bootlegger. The expected has happened but it was not expected that it would happen so soon.

Yesterday two well-known saloon men, one on East Douglas avenue and one a little off Douglas avenue were approached for booze. One of them gave it up and the other one refused although the place and time to the very minute at which he violated the prohibitory law were correct to him with accuracy.

The spy was carried in one instance to the tune of \$10, but whether the refusal in the other instance will cause him to institute proceedings is not known.

It was doubtful in the mind of the Douglas avenue man whether the spy was an authorized spy and that was the reason he did not give him the money he demanded.

There is no means of telling who is or who is not an authorized spy and the dealers in liquor are somewhat in a pickle. They would just as soon buy up the spy as anybody else as he is generally cheaper, but they do not care, they say, to buy up every man in town who represents himself as acting for the law and order league.

It is said that there are already more than a dozen alleged spies working, some of whom have been well paid for their time.

It is strongly suspected that most of them are frauds in as much as they are only self-constituted spies but the bootlegger not knowing who is or who is not a genuine spy, is obliged to give a trial to every one who claims to be a spy. They are thinking about organizing a force of spies to watch the other spies.

Of course the law and order league people are not at all in a hurry to let who their spies are and hence there will be an opportunity for every man who so desires to pick up a ten dollar bill here and there at the business.

They cannot do much except among the bootleggers and the key joints. The majority of the drinking will be done in the clubs where the average spy, genuine or fraud, cannot very well reach and if he does succeed in getting on the inside the business is so cleverly operated that it is doubtful whether evidence can be secured against him.

In the first place no one can get into a club room who is not a member and as all the members have to be recommended by two or three other members by the entire membership of the club present at the regular meetings, a man who is "not all right" is not very apt to get in.

Then again these clubs are modeled after the clubs of Topeka, of which there are said to be twenty-three in that city and it is a well known fact that they are proof against the law. They are so in the capital city and there is no reason why they should not be in Wichita.

One of these clubs has already a membership of 240 men, all of whom have been voted for and in an examination of the entire list by the executive committee yesterday showed about 200 men among them. It is estimated that this particular club will have 1,000 members inside of three weeks, including farmers from the country and men from the surrounding towns.

Men who visit here, or in other words, men who do not live in town but come here occasionally to reap the fruits of their trade with more favor than the open saloon. All of them do not always "want to be in town," as every news reporter who has experienced a few of them can tell the club suits them exactly. Then, again, there is a better chance to make social acquaintances in a club than in an open saloon and this is a fact that enhances the popularity of the club.

The visitors and outsiders are not the only ones who regard the club system with favor. It is said that the "club men" like it better than the old way. There is more money in it—more sure money—and far less danger of boarding in the country jail. Spies and hoodlums are the only things that will make a man study and that will be an easy matter for them to overcome at comparatively little cost.

It may be somewhat surprising to know that three places of the kind are controlled by women. These women, it is said, have a tight grip on certain streets and can pull them to their own advantage and greatly to the disadvantage of certain other people in an emergency involving the prosperity of their places of business. Everything seems to be getting their work in the most cold blooded manner under the new arrangement which has completely changed things and developed most interesting characters and conditions.

So far the spy is the leading figure, or at least the man who pretends to be a spy. If he was a real spy, a fact which would have been cracked before this perhaps, but he is a "gentleman" who deals and negotiates on reasonable terms and he will probably get along all right on the principle that he has everything to make out of the situation and nothing to lose.

HE WAS A TERROR.

Something about the Black, who was killed at Alton.

Since the death of the Black near Alton, O. T., about ten days ago, his identity has been thoroughly established.

He was raised within a few miles of Caldwell since he was a little boy and nearly all the old settlers knew the family well.

His father, L. C. Black, was a poor and always struggling farmer, but was reputed to be honest and industrious.

His uncle, Dr. Black, was a physician in Caldwell and while he was not reputed to be what might be called an up-to-date man in his profession, he had a fairly good practice. He was a good fellow and a square man.

There are several people in Wichita who remember the Black as a young fellow about grown. He showed no promise then of becoming a desperado. He was, in fact, a typical country boy who, perhaps, came into town and stayed all day more than a farmer's son ought to do. He had a taste for the town for at that time it was a rough place and although he did not mingle with the rougher characters, yet it was at that period doubtless that his disposition inclined to the mode of life of a desperado.

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